

Pasma putting hockey dream on hold

Rod Pasma's hockey dream may be down, but he says it's not out just yet.

The 20-year-old is merely putting it on hold for up to four years.

Pasma was taken in the second round of the 1990 NHL draft by the Washington Capitals, but took a calculated gamble last year when he opted not to accept the NHL team's contract offer. The move backfired when Capitals officials informed Pasma at the end of this season they weren't going to sign him, making Pasma eligible for the 1992 draft.

However, when the final selections were made last June in Montreal, Pasma's name hadn't been called, and the six-foot-five, 225-pound defenceman couldn't secure an NHL tryout, although there were offers from the East Coast Hockey League and the Netherlands.

The Windsor Spitfires of the OHL, the team which traded for Pasma last season, contacted him about coming out as an over-age player, but the insecure nature of being a last-year player didn't appeal to Pasma. Three different OHL teams in as many years can do that.

So he opted to enrol in the law and justice course at Laurentian University in Sudbury. While Pasma plans to play hockey there, he will concentrate on academics, just in case the NHL option doesn't materialize.

"I want to do well in school now," the Acton resident said. "But really, who knows what's going to happen: I could come into my own playing university hockey and I might get a (NHL) tryout."

"I mean two years ago if you had told me I'd be playing university hockey I would've said you were crazy."

The decision to pursue a university education wasn't a difficult one.

"I didn't want to go to the East Coast league just to fight, which is what I think would happen," Pasma said. "The Dutch thing would be nice, but I haven't heard from them in a couple of weeks and time was running out to make the

decision to go to school.

"I thought about asking Windsor to trade me to Sudbury, but it would really take something special for me to give up school. I don't think that will happen because I'm not a 50-goal scorer or a game-breaker."

Hindsight being what it is, Pasma wonders aloud if his decision not to accept the Capitals' contract was a mistake.

"I didn't say no because the deal wasn't a good one because it was," he said. "It's just that I didn't have a good season and I thought I could have a better year."

"Looking back now, maybe I should've taken it, but at the time my decision seemed to be the right one."

Still, Pasma has no regrets about his three-year tenure in the OHL, even though it was a much-travelled one. A first-round pick of the Cornwall Royals in 1989, Pasma was traded to Kingston in 1990, then shipped to Windsor midway through last season. The Windsor move appeared at first to be a good one because it would reunite Pasma with fellow Georgetown native Trent Cull, a former teammate when the two played Junior B hockey with the Raiders. However, Cull was part of the Windsor package that was heading to Kingston.

"Looking back, I wouldn't have done it any other way," Pasma said. "I had a chance to go to two pro camps (with Capitals) and the OHL gave me the best possible preparation for that."

"My goal this year was to be in the American Hockey League and there was no other alternative. Maybe I was a little naive but everyone learns from their mistakes."

One mistake won't be neglecting an education, Pasma said.

"So now it's time to concentrate on school so that if the NHL isn't in my future, I've got an education to fall back on," he said. "But this will be a really neat challenge."

"I have no idea what university hockey is all about. I'm going in blind but I'm really looking forward to it."



Remembering those who fought in armed battle, members of the American Legion Post 40 from Plymouth, Mass., were in town this past weekend to march in the CNE's Warrior's Day Parade. Post 40 was hosted by Canadian Legion Branch 120 for the eleventh consecutive year.

Photo by Jamie Harrison

Gordon Alcott tennis season beginning to wind down

The Gordon Alcott season for scheduled tennis is winding down. The Ladies "B" team played York Weston and split the points. Winning teams were Chris Steen and Kay King, Audrey Jans and Ouida Graville. On the losing end were Joanne Van Den Hoek and Audrey Houston, Barb Rieger and Carol Beeney.

Ladies "B" team ended the season in 1st place. The Ladies "C" team played Tecumseh and took 4 points. Francine Dembie and Muriel Fraser won in 3 sets 7-6 (8-6) 5-7, 6-4. Gloria Sargent and Millie Pletsch won 6-4, 7-5. Marg Macenko and Norma Maynard won handily 6-1, 6-1 as did Trudy Roy and Mary Hughes 6-0, 6-2. Ladies "CC" team ended up in 3rd place. August 19, the Ladies "B" and "C" teams got together for some tennis and pot luck luncheon at Norma Maynards.

The mixed "B" team did not fare

well against Howard Park. Mike Mitchell and Carol Beeney had a 3 setter for their win. The mixed "C" team took 4 points from Brampton. John Dallison and Andy Humenny won 7-6 (7-3) 6-3. Murray Jans and Bill Kent won in 3 sets 6-1, 4-6, 6-0. Jonathon Morwick and Jay Anderson won 6-1, 6-2. Sandy and Gary Lewis lost 6-7 (7-1) 4-6. Joanne and Ed Van Den Hoek won 7-5, 6-1. Audrey Jans and Francine

Dembie lost in 3 sets 6-1, 1-6, 6-7 (14-12). The "C" mixed ended the season in 1st place. The House League ends their season with sign up on September 9. Gloria Sargent's team in 1st place with Greg Taylor's team closing the gap with 2 more scheduled nights to go. Norma Maynard thanks all the ladies on the "C" team for the lovely, much appreciated gift they gave her.

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